

## THE GOOD OLD STYLE.

INSIGHT INTO THE CUSTOMS OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The First New York Directory—Clippings from the Newspapers of That Time. Events in New York Life That Will Make the Gothamite Smile.

A little more than a hundred years ago, on Dec. 9, 1783, the announcement of the first New York city directory appeared in The New York Gazetteer and The County Journal, and in the successive Federalist, Federalist, and Federalist. It contained the names of all the citizens, their occupations and places of abode; the members in congress, the "grand departments" of the United States for adjusting public accounts, members of the Senate and House, with their places of residence, and the duty in the city; ministers of the gospel, physicians, comedians at fairs, arrivals and departures of stages and the principal tradesmen.

To these details was added an almanac with tables of the different constellations of any star, the date and order to make in exchange between any part of the United States plain and easy." And with it was a very small volume. This useful production, it was explained, would "stand each subscriber's door for six shillings."

**THE LATEST NEWS.** An inferior newspaper, which upon the daily life of this town of a hundred years ago by the following extracts from the few newspapers which were published at the time and contained very little news, gives news of a purely local character.

A newspaper complements the ladies for reducing the size of their head gear, so that they can enter a coach, sedan chair or the door of a modern apartment with a cap. Some time ago their heads were bigger than those of the inhabitants of Patagonia, whilst their hats resembled those of Lilliput, but now their features are set off by becoming head dress.

The tavern keepers' harvest will soon commence in this city; as the comedians are going to visit the southward, the young and the idle will naturally resort to the taverns and tippling houses.

That is the day appointed for the execution, at the Newgate, of James Carr; a white man, and Thomas Lee, a negro, who were convicted of burglary.

Last week a notorious gambler and cheat was sentenced to hard labor. The above gentleman is at present chained with a Negro to a wheelbarrow, and usefully employed at the public works of this city.

Whereas my wife Nancy has behaved in a very dishonest manner, which render it impossible for me to live with her, all my possessions are foreclosed from trusting her—George Dalton.

The new line of stages to Philadelphia will start from Mr. Smith's at Fauns Hook ferry opposite New York, drive through Newark, Elizabeth, Carteret, Woodbridge, Bayonne, and so to Princeton, where they meet the stage from Philadelphia. They run every Saturday and Sundays excepted. Fare to Phila. Four Dollars.

Receipt for making a Modern Fashionable Lady. Two pounds of cork, five yards of whalebone, one pound of hair, six pounds of wool, two cotton, two drams of fine lead, a little flesh and blood for the skeleton, and a skin of a mouse for eyebrows, one pound of powder and half a pound of paint.

To be Sold a Negro Man about 33 years old, sober smart and understands all kinds of town and country work. Also the time of a Negro boy 14 years of age. Enquire at the Intelligence Office 22 Water St opposite the Coffee House.

It has been suggested by a superior genius, that you could be improved by being led, like the duke of Bridgewater's system of canals, out of the advantages set forth with, that the citizens might ride from the ship yards to the old battery, and that a avenue would arise by the establishment of a ferry, that the citizens might ride from the old battery to convert part of that building into an elegant tavern, for the entertainment of such ladies and gentlemen as would not choose to travel in a stage.

We are informed of an unfortunate encounter that took place on Friday afternoon last (April 27) at the house behind the hotel between Mr. Samuel Clegg, merchant of this city, and Mr. Birring, a gentleman from Baltimore. They were accompanied by two of their friends (as seconds), Mr. Farquhar and Major Fairlie; the distance agreed upon was four paces. Mr. Clegg received a blow in the face from Birring—this he did, and Mr. C. fell on the spot, having received a wound near the groin, which is pronounced mortal. Circumstances which led to this desperate decision, probably are reported erroneously, and exaggerated by the friends of either party, and in the relation of material—the events are sufficiently disastrous.

**AMUSEMENTS AND THE FASHIONS.** Several of the citizens to the disgrace of good order and common decency, erect signs and show boards in such an extravagant manner, that they not only encroach upon the public ways, but also offend the eyes and disgrace the polity of the city.

A person lately from London, now stopping at No. 27 Little Dock Street (South street between Whitechapel and Old Slop) has a composition for sale that will destroy the very troublesome worms commonly called Bugs.

**THEATRE.** This evening A Comedy called The Beware Merchant, to which will be added The Devil to Pay, or The Wives Metamorphosis.

Ladies and Gentlemen, are requested to dress in their best, to take up their seat down with their horses, heads towards the East River, to a full confidance, also as soon as they are seated, to order their servants off of the horses.

Those persons who have Goods that keep about the Front Garden, are desired to take note, that unless they are taken care of, and preserved from destroying the fruit trees, disagreeable consequences will attend them.

Fashions for 1783: It is all the fashion among polite people to play cards on Sunday evening.

Cork buckles are quite the ton, also for ladies, to set much when they walk the streets.

To visit at seven o'clock is the fashion. Husband should not be seen in company with these wives, it is very vulgar and unfastidious.

It is the fashion for gentlemen to patch and perfume themselves before they are seen among ladies.

It is the fashion for young ladies to invite young gentlemen to visit them.

It is the fashion to leave the assemblies and concerts at 7 o'clock.

It is the fashion for ladies to drink porter in the afternoon—tea is quite out of date among good people—New York Commonest American.

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BALLADE OF A FAIR HUNTRESS.  
She delights in the dove-cote and dairy,  
And she knows of the kennels each nook;

On the value of acres, "pride" and "power,"  
And to think of the fences she took;

That last run—it deprives you of breath;

She will ride like a brack at a brook—

But her pride's to be in at the death.

She can sing, she can dance, she can cook;

She can climb like an "auntie hairy,"

And they say that the nishop she shook;

On a doleful night in the Latin,

She wrote ermine epistles of death,

And an essay on Banquo, he spook—

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She can tickle the troutling unwary,

She's a terror to rabbit and rook;

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